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PROPOSED STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS  
FOR  
STRUCTURAL STEEL FOR BUILDINGS.

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RECOMMENDED BY AMERICAN BRANCH OF COMMITTEE NO. 1, MAY 1, 1900.

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There will be a discussion of these specifications at the Third Annual Meeting of the American Section, to be held in New York, on October 25-27, 1900, and you are requested to send in your views by letter, or to be present and take part in the oral discussion.

After the Annual Meeting, Committee No. 1 will consider the points raised, and make any modifications that may be found necessary ; and, if so decided at the Annual Meeting, the specifications will be sent to all members of the American Section for approval by letter ballot.

If the other countries perform their work in the same general manner, the final work of the introduction of International Specifications will be reduced to a very simple matter, as there will only be a limited number of specifications to consider instead of hundreds as at the present time.

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*Chairman of American Branch of Committee No. 1.*

## PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

1. Steel may be made by either the open-hearth or Bessemer process.

## CHEMICAL PROPERTIES.

2. Each of the two classes of structural steel for buildings shall not contain more than 0.10 per cent. of phosphorus.

## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES.

3. There shall be two classes of structural steel for buildings, namely: RIVET STEEL and MEDIUM STEEL which shall conform to the following physical qualities:

4. Tensile Tests.	Rivet steel.	Medium steel.
Tensile strength, pounds per square inch.....	50,000 to 60,000	60,000 to 70,000
Yield point, in pounds per square inch shall not be less than.....	30,000	35,000
Elongation, per cent. in eight inches shall not be less than.....	26	22

5. For material less than five-sixteenths inch ( $5/16''$ ), and more than three-fourths inch ( $3/4''$ ) in thickness, the following modifications shall be made in the requirements for elongation:

**Modifications  
in elongation  
for thin and  
thick material.** (a). For each increase of one-eighth inch ( $1/8''$ ) in thickness above three-fourths inch ( $3/4''$ ), a deduction of one per cent. (1%) shall be made from the specified elongation.

(b). For each decrease of one-sixteenth inch ( $1/16''$ ) in thickness below five-sixteenths inch ( $5/16''$ ) a deduction of two and one-half per cent. ( $2 \frac{1}{2}\%$ ) shall be made from the specified elongation.

(c). For pins the required elongation shall be five per cent. (5%) less than that specified in paragraph No. 4, as determined on a test specimen the center of which shall be one inch (1") from the surface.



Name and Date.	Chemistry				Remarks.	Annealing Specimens.	Tensile strength, pounds per sq. inch.			Elastic limit, pounds per sq. inch.	
	Phos.	Sul.	Sil.	Mn.			Soft.	Medium.	Rivet.	Soft.	Medium.
Association American Steel Manufacturer, July 17, 1896.	.08	Bess. or O. H.			R.R. bridges. Hy. br. and bldg.	Annealed specimens for material that is to be annealed.	52,000	60,000	48,000	3/4 ult.	
Atchison, Topeka & S. F., Oct., 1895.	.10						62,000	70,000	58,000	"	
Baltimore & Ohio, 1896.	.08						54,000	60,000		32,000	
B. & O. Southwestern, 1898.	.06	.06			A. or Bess. B		60,000			28,000	
Boston, City of, 1899.	.06	.05			Rivet steel. Phos. .06		62,000	68,000		or 1/2 ult.	
Buffalo, Rochester & Pgh., 1898.	.06A						4,000	60,000		33,000	
Cin. N. O. & Tex. Pacific Ry., July, 1896.	.04B	.04B					62,000	70,000			
Theo. Cooper, 1896.	.04A	.02	.05	.60	Med. Phos. .05A	Annealed specimens for material that is to be annealed.	50,000	60,000		55% ult., 1 in. and less.	
Chicago & Northwestern, 1899.	.03B				" .03B		60,000	68,000		50% ult. over 1 in.	
C. M. & St. P. Ry., 1898.	.08A	.04A					52,000	62,000		32,000	
C. M. & St. P. Ry., June 14, 1898.	.04B	.05A					62,000	70,000			
Illinois Central Ry., 1899.	.05B	.05B				Annealed specimens for material that is to be annealed.	54,000	60,000	50,000	3/4 ult.	
King Bridge Co.	.08A	.04A					60,000	68,000			
L. S. & M. S. Ry., June, 1894.	.04B						55,000	67,000			
Missouri Pacific Ry., Jan. 1, 1899.	.10	Bess. or O. H.					62,000	68,000		32,000	
N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R., 1890.	.06A	.05				Annealed specimens for material that is to be annealed.	56,000	62,000	48,000	60% ult., 5/8 in. t and under.	
Northern Pacific Ry., Dec. 1, 1898.	.04B						64,000	70,000	56,000	55% ult. over 5/8 in.	
Osborn Co., R.R. bridges, 1896.	.08A	.05B					52,000	62,000		30,000	
Osborn Co., highway bridges, 1895.	.04B	.05B					60,000	70,000			
Pennsylvania Lines West of Pittsburgh, April, 1897.	.08A						50,000	58,000		31,000	
Pennsylvania Railroad, Jan. 1, 1897.	.04B						58,000	65,000			
J. A. L. Waddell.	.05A	.04	.06		Soft. see remarks.	Not annealed.	62,000	70,000	58,000		
Canadian Pacific Ry., 1898.	.03B		.50				52,000	62,000	48,000	23,000	
Grand Trunk Ry., Nov. 17, 1897.	.08A						62,000	70,000	56,000		
Dominion Government, 1899.	.01B					Annealed specimens for material that is to be annealed.	50,000	60,000		30,000	
Mexican Central, 1898.	.04						60,000	70,000			
C. B. & Q. Ry., 1898.	.08A						54,000	60,000		3/4 ult.	
Great Northern Ry., Mar. 1, 1898.	.05B						62,000	70,000			
Michigan Central Ry., 1899.	.08A				Bess. Phos. .06		52,000	60,000	48,000	55% ult.	
Southern Railway, 1897.	.01B						62,000	70,000	56,000		
Union Pacific Ry., 1898.	.04B	.05A					50,000	60,000			
Wabash R.R., Mar., 1898.	.04B	.05B					60,000	66,000		55% ult.	
Pencoyd Iron Works, April, 1895.	.08A				Phos. specified for each order.		50,000	57,000			
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., 1894.	.05B						60,000	66,000			
Chicago & Alton, Oct., 1897.	.08A						52,000	60,000	48,000	28,000	
Philadelphia & Reading.	.04B						60,000	70,000	60,000		
Plant System Rys., June 2, 1896.	.07A						55,000	60,000		3/4 ult.	
Robert Moore.	.04B						62,000	70,000	56,000		
Southern Indiana R.R. Co.	.08A	.10			Bess. phos. .06		56,000	50,000		35,000	
Chesapeake & Ohio, Feb., 1896.	.04B				Rivets sul. .06		64,000	54,000			
Boston Elevated Ry., 1898.	.08A	.05					54,000	62,000	48,000	30,000	
	.04B				Rivets phos. .03		62,000	68,000			
							56,000	68,000		34,000	
							56,000	68,000			

C., C., C. & St. L.—Specifications practically same as B. & O. S. W. for quality. C.R. I. & P. and Chicago & Western Indiana, same as Chicago

**SYNOPSIS OF SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROLLED STEEL.**

COMPILED FOR COMMITTEE NO. 1.—AMERICAN SECTION INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR TESTING MATERIALS.

**Physical requirements.**

Pounds per sq. inch.		Elongation, % in 8 in.			Reduction of area, %			Bending. <small>H. = hot. C. = cold, D. = diameter. Q. = quench.</small>			Drift test diameter to be increased.	Pins.
Medium.	Rivet.	Soft.	Medium.	Rivet.	Soft.	Medium.	Rivet.	Soft.	Medium.	Rivet.		
1/2 ult.	1/2 ult.	25	23	26	50	40	..	180° flat	180° D. = t	180° flat	.....	Reduce el. 5%
36,000	..	25	22	26	50	40	..	180° flat C., Q.	180° D. = t C., Q.	.....	Soft 100% Med. 50%	el. 5% } Less. Red. 10% } Medium el. 16%
32,000, or 1/2 ult.	..	25	20	..	..	..	..	180° flat Thick 180%	Material over 1 in.	.....	100% Punch test. Hammer test	.....
32,000	..	25	23	..	50	43	..	180° flat C., Q.	180° D. = 1 1/2 in. t C., Q.	.....	.....	.....
1/2 ult.	1/2 ult.	..	20	26	..	..	..	180° flat	180° D. = t C.	180° flat C. 100° t = Q.	.....	Reduce el., 5%
55% ult. 1 in. and 50% ult. over 1 in.	..	25	20	..	..	..	..	180° flat	180° D. = t C.	180° flat C. 100° t = Q.	50%	.....
35,000	..	26	24	..	50	40	..	180° flat	180° flat C.	180° flat C. 100° t = Q.	Hammer test	33 1/3% el., 15%
1/2 ult.	1/2 ult.	25	22	26	..	..	..	180° D. = t C. & Q.	180° D. = t C. & Q.	180° flat	.....	Reduce el., 5%
1/2 ult.	1/2 ult.	26	22	26	..	..	..	180° flat	180° D. = t C.	180° flat C. 100° t = Q.	50%	Reduce el., 5%
1/2 ult.	1/2 ult.	..	1,500,000 + ult.	..	..	..	180° flat C.	1/2 in. t or less over 1/2 in. t	180° flat	50%	Reduce el., 5%	
1/2 ult.	1/2 ult.	..	1,500,000 + ult.	..	..	..	180° flat C.	1/2 in. t or less over 1/2 in. t	180° flat	50%	Reduce el., 5%	
34,000	..	28	20	..	50	44	..	180° D. = t C. & Q.	180° D. = t C. & Q.	80%	.....	
1/2 ult.	..	25	22	..	50	40	..	180° flat	180° D. = t C.	.....	Reduce el., 5%, Red. 10%	
..	..	28	..	..	45	..	..	180° flat	180° D. = t C.	50%	.....	
34,000	..	26	22	..	50	40	..	180° flat	180° D. = t	100% Punch test	.....	
60% ult.	..	26	25	28	50	45	55	180° flat	180° D. = t C.	180° flat	soft 50%	.....
37,000	..	26	22	..	..	..	..	180° flat	180° D. = t	.....	38.7% Reduce el., 10%	
35,000	..	26	24	..	50	45	..	180° flat	180° D. = t C. & Q.	.....	60% el.	
35,000	..	23	20	..	50	40	..	180° flat	180° D. = t C. & Q.	.....	Hammer test	
55% ult.	55% ult.	..	1,500,000 + ult.	..	2,800,000 + ult.	..	..	180° flat	180° flat	50%	.....	
33,000	28,000	25	17	28	50	40	55	180° flat	180° D. = t C.	180° flat	50%	.....
35,000	..	26	24 to 20	..	..	48	36	180° flat	180° D. = t H., C., Q.	.....	50% med. 25% high	
33,000	..	..	20	..	..	40	..	180° flat	180° D. = t H., C., Q.	.....	100%	
1/2 ult.	..	25	22	..	..	..	..	180° flat	180° D. = 1 1/2 in. t H., C., Q.	.....	Reduce el., 5%	
32,000	..	25	22	..	50	42	..	180° flat	180° D. = t over 1/2 in. D. = 1 1/2 in. t	.....	50%	
1/2 ult.	..	..	22	26	..	..	50	180° flat	180° D. = 2 in. H., C., Q.	180° flat	33 1/3% el., 16%	
1/2 ult.	..	25	22	..	..	..	..	180° flat	180° D. = t	.....	.....	
55% ult.	55% ult.	26	22	28	..	..	..	180° flat	180° D. = t C.	180° flat	30%	Reduce el., 5%
55% ult.	..	27	26	..	55	50	..	180° flat	180° flat	.....	.....	
32,000	26,000	25	22	26	40	40	45	180° flat	180° D. = t	180° flat	50%	.....
1/2 ult.	..	25	22	..	50	44	..	180° D. = 1 1/2 in. t C. & Q.	180° D. = 1 1/2 in. t C. & Q.	.....	50%	
1/2 ult.	1/2 ult.	25	22	26	50	45	50	180° flat	180° D. = t H., C., Q.	180° flat	50%	.....
1/2 ult.	..	26	22	..	..	..	..	180° flat	180° D. = 2 in. H., C., Q.	.....	33 1/3% Reduce el., 5%	
..	..	25	..	30	50	60	..	180° flat	1 in. t or less over 1 in. t	.....	Reduce el., 5% Reduce el., 5%	
1/2 ult.	1/2 ult.	26	22	28	..	..	..	180° flat	180° D. = 2 in. H., C., Q.	180° flat	30% el., 10%	
..	..	25	..	30	50	60	..	180° flat	1 in. t or less over 1 in. t	.....	.....	
1/2 ult.	1/2 ult.	26	22	28	..	..	..	180° flat	180° D. = t H., C.	180° flat	33% el., 10%	
..	..	25	..	30	50	60	..	180° flat	180° D. = 2 in. H., C.	180° flat	33% el., 10%	
36,000	..	26	20	..	50	45	..	H., C., Q.	180° D. = 2 in. t C. & Q.	.....	100% soft 66 2/3% med.	
34,000	24,000	25	22	26	50	45	50	180° flat	180° D. = t C.	180° flat	37.5% soft 25% med.	
35,000	..	25	20	..	..	..	..	180° flat	180° D. = 1 1/2 in. t C. & Q.	.....	50%	
1/2 ult.	..	28	22	..	50	40	..	180° flat	180° D. = t Q.	.....	.....	

## SYNOPSIS OF SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROLLED STEEL.

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Requirements full-sized eye bars.			
	Elastic limit, lbs. per sq. in.	Elongation, %	Breakage.
1. for			Remarks.
32,000	10 body of bar. 15 in 10 ft.	Not more than $\frac{1}{6}$ to break in head.	Eye bar matl over $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick; reduce elong. $\frac{1}{6}$ for each $\frac{1}{6}$ in. increase in thickness down to 20% for med. and 22% for soft. Soft steel web plts. over 33 in. wide may have 20% elong. and 40% reduction.
29,000	13 in 20 ft. Down to 8 for longer lengths. 18 in 12 in. 12 balance	Red. 40%.	Opening and closing tests for angles.
50% ult. 2 in. over 55% ult. 1 in. under	14 in 10 ft.	All bars must break in body.	
28,000	10 in 15 ft.	Not more than $\frac{1}{6}$ to break in head.	Eye bar material over $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick reduce elongation $\frac{1}{6}$ for each $\frac{1}{6}$ in. increase in thickness down to 20%.
28,000	14 in 10 ft.	Not more than $\frac{1}{6}$ to break in head.	Eye bar material over $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick reduce elongation $\frac{1}{6}$ for each $\frac{1}{6}$ in. increase in thickness down to 20% for med. and 22% for soft.
28,000	10 in 15 ft.	Not more than $\frac{1}{6}$ to break in head.	T. S. to average within 2,500 lbs. of 52,000 and 60,000 for rivet and balance respectively.
28,000	15 in 15 ft.	Not more than $\frac{1}{6}$ to break in head.	Opening and closing tests for angles.
28,000	10	Not more than $\frac{1}{6}$ to break in head.	T. S. to average within 2,500 lbs of 52,000 lbs. and 64,000 lbs. for rivets and balance respectively. Opening and closing tests for angles.
cut from annealed bars to determine	15	Not more than $\frac{1}{6}$ to break in eye.	High steel T. S. 66,000 to 76,000 lbs., el. 18% in 8 in., reduce 35% C. B. 180% D. = 3 t.
1 to give same results as			
men	$\frac{1}{4}$ ult.	13 in 20 ft.	
	33,000	10 in 20 ft.	
		12 in 20 ft.	
		15 in 10 ft.	
		15 in 10 ft.	
	55% ult.	2 in 10' med. 14 in 10' soft	Not more than $\frac{1}{6}$ to break in eye.
	27,000	14 in 10 ft.	Not more than $\frac{1}{6}$ to break in eye.
over under	50% ult., 2 in. over 55% ult., 1 in. under	14 in 10 ft.	Not more than $\frac{1}{6}$ to break in eye.
	32,000	10 in 20 ft. Red. 40	Not more than $\frac{1}{6}$ to break in eye.
	30,000	15 in 20 ft.	For bars 8 sq. in. and less.
	29,000	10 in 10 ft.	For bars over 8 sq. in. to 20
	$\frac{1}{4}$ ult.	15 in 10 ft.	Reduction 30 to 2 %.
	28,000	10 in 10 ft.	All bars must break in body.
	$\frac{1}{4}$ ult.	10 in 20 ft. Red. 40	
	27,000 soft 33,000 med.	14 in 12 ft. average 16	Not more than $\frac{1}{6}$ to break in eye.
	30,000	12 in 15 ft.	El. for med. 20% for 57,000 lbs., T. S.—reduce $\frac{3}{4}\%$ for each 1,000 lbs. down to 3 High steel T. S. 66 to 74,000 lbs. el. 22%, red. 45%.
	$\frac{1}{4}$ ult.	10 in 10 ft.	Opening and closing tests for angles.
		10 in 10 ft.	Must break in body of bar.
	30,000	12 in 10 ft.	
	32,000	15 in 10 ft.	
		12 $\frac{1}{2}$ med. 18 soft	Not more than $\frac{1}{6}$ to break in eye.
			Punch tests.



6. The two classes of structural steel for buildings shall conform to the following bending tests; and for this purpose the test specimen shall be one and one-half inches (1 1/2") wide, if possible, and for all material three-fourths inch (3/4") or less in thickness the test specimen shall be of the same thickness as that of the finished material from which it is cut, but for material more than three-fourths inch (3/4") thick the bending test specimen may be one-half inch (1/2") thick:

Bending Tests.

Rivet rounds shall be tested of full size as rolled.

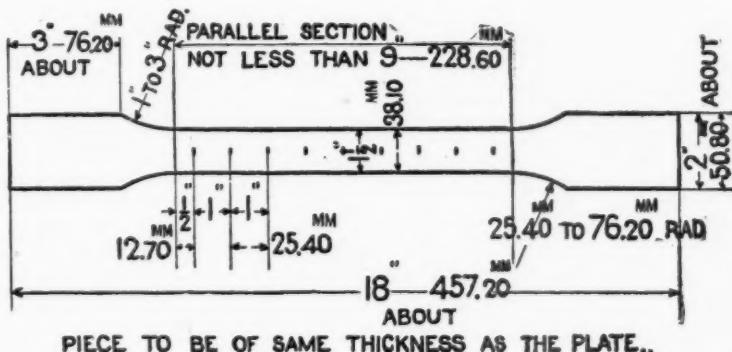
(d). Rivet steel shall bend cold 180° flat on itself without fracture on the outside of the bent portion.

(e). Medium steel shall bend cold 180° around a diameter equal to the thickness of the specimen tested, without fracture on the outside of the bent portion.

#### TEST PIECES AND METHODS OF TESTING.

7. The standard test specimen of eight inch (8") gauged length, shall be used to determine the physical properties specified in paragraphs Nos. 4 and 5. The standard shape of the test specimen for sheared plates shall be as shown by the following sketch:

Test Specimen for Tensile Test.



For other material the test specimen may be the same as for sheared plates or it may be planed or turned parallel throughout its entire length and in all cases where possible, two opposite sides of the

test specimen shall be the rolled surfaces. Rivet rounds and small rolled bars shall be tested of full size as rolled.

8. One tensile test specimen shall be taken from the finished material of each melt or blow, but in case this develops flaws, or **Number of Tensile Tests.** breaks outside of the middle third of its gauged length, it may be discarded and another test specimen substituted therefor.

9. One test specimen for bending shall be taken from the finished material of each melt or blow as it comes from the rolls and for material **Test Specimen for Bending.** three-fourths inch ( $3/4"$ ) and less in thickness this specimen shall have the natural rolled surface on two opposite sides. The bending test specimen shall be one and one-half inches ( $1 \frac{1}{2}"$ ) wide, if possible, and for material more than three-fourths inch ( $3/4"$ ) thick the bending test specimen may be one-half inch ( $1/2"$ ) thick.

Rivet rounds shall be tested of full size as rolled.

(f). The bending test may be made by pressure or by blows.

10. Material which is to be used without annealing or further treatment shall be tested for tensile strength in the condition in which it comes from the rolls. For material which **Annealed Test Specimens.** is to be annealed or otherwise treated before use, a full-sized section of tensile test specimen length, shall be similarly treated before cutting the tensile test specimen therefrom.

11. For the purposes of this specification, the yield point shall be determined by the careful observation of the drop **Yield Point.** of the beam or halt in the gauge of the testing machine.

12. In order to determine if the material conforms to the chemical limitations prescribed in paragraph No. 2 herein, analysis shall be made of drillings taken from a small test ingot. **Sample for Chemical Analysis.**

#### VARIATION IN WEIGHT.

13. The variation in cross section or weight of more than  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  per cent. from that specified will be sufficient cause for rejection, except in the case of sheared plates, which will be covered by the following permissible variations:

(g). Plates 12 1/2 pounds per square foot or heavier, when ordered to weight, shall not average more than 2 1/2 per cent. variation above or 2 1/2 per cent. below the theoretical weight.

(h). Plates under 12 1/2 pounds per square foot, when ordered to weight, shall not average a greater variation than the following :

Up to 75 inches wide, 2 1/2 per cent. above or 2 1/2 per cent. below the theoretical weight.

75 inches and over, 5 per cent. above or 5 per cent below the theoretical weight.

(i). For all plates ordered to gauge, there will be permitted an average excess of weight over that corresponding to the dimensions on the order equal in amount to that specified in the following table :

TABLE OF ALLOWANCES FOR OVERWEIGHT FOR RECTANGULAR PLATES WHEN ORDERED TO GAUGE.

The weight of one cubic inch of rolled steel is assumed to be 0.2833 pound.

**Plates 1/4 inch and over in thickness.**

Thickness of plate. Inch.	Width of plate.		
	Up to 75 inches. Per cent.	75 to 100 inches. Per cent.	Over 100 inches. Per cent.
1/4	10	14	18
5/16	8	12	16
3/8	7	10	13
7/16	6	8	10
1/2	5	7	9
9/16	4 1/2	6 1/2	8 1/2
5/8	4	6	8
over 5/8	3 1/2	5	6 1/2

**Plates under 1/4 inch in thickness.**

Thickness of plate. Inch.	Width of plate.	
	Up to 50 inches. Per cent.	50 inches and above. Per cent.
1/8 up to 5/32	10	15
5/32 " 3/16	8 1/2	12 1/2
3/16 " 1/4	7	10

**FINISH.**

14. Finished material must be free from injurious seams, flaws or cracks, and have a workmanlike finish.

## BRANDING.

15. Every finished piece of steel shall be stamped with the melt or blow number, except that small pieces may be shipped in bundles securely wired together with the melt or blow number on a metal tag attached.

## INSPECTION.

16. The inspector representing the purchaser shall have all reasonable facilities afforded to him by the manufacturer to satisfy him that the finished material is furnished in accordance with these specifications. All tests and inspections shall be made at the place of manufacture, prior to shipment.